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House Meets at 10:00 a.m. for Legislative Business

Anticipated Floor Action:

H.R. 2159—FY 1998 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act

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Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1119 (FY 1998 Defense Authorization Act)

H.Res. ____—Sense of the House Regarding the Death of Princess Diana



H.R. 2159—FY 1998 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act

Floor Situation: The House will continue consideration of H.R. 2159 as its first order of business. Yesterday, the House agreed by unanimous consent to make in order only four amendments—two amendments by Mr. Burton regarding India and two amendments regarding the so-called Mexico City policy, one by Mr. Smith (NJ) and the other by Reps. Campbell, Gilman, Pelosi, DeLauro, Slaughter, and Greenwood. However, Mr. Coburn and Mr. Payne may seek unanimous consent to allow their amendments to be considered.

Summary: H.R. 2159 appropriates \$12.3 billion in discretionary spending in FY 1998 for foreign assistance and export financing programs. This amount is \$86,730 less than the FY 1997 level and \$4.6 billion less than President Clinton's FY 1998 budget request. The USAID's Foreign Service retirement fund, which is funded at \$44.2 million, is the only mandatory program in the bill. The major funding difference between the president's request and the bill is a request for a one-time \$3.5 billion proposal to fund U.S. participation in the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) New Arrangements to Borrow (NAB) facility. The NAB is a new IMF facility that will include lines of credit from about 25 potential participants, including the U.S., allowing the IMF to draw on funds in the event that an international financial crisis depletes regular IMF resources. The bill's appropriation falls approximately \$232.8 million below the subcommittee's 602(b) allocation for FY 1998 discretionary budget authority.

The bill makes several funding reductions to foreign assistance programs. Specifically, it provides:

- * \$606 million for the International Development Association (\$94 million less than in FY 1997 and \$428 million less than the president's request);
- * \$625 million for assistance to the former republics of the Soviet Union (\$275 less than the president's request and the same as in FY 1997); and
- * \$385 million for the non-Middle East Economic Support Fund (\$57 million more than in FY 1997 but \$97.6 million less than the president's request).

The bill also (1) defers funding for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), resulting in \$60 million in savings, until the authorizing committee addresses the pending issues dealing with OPIC's insurance and loan subsidy levels; (2) provides \$650 million for the Child Survival and Disease Programs Fund (\$50 million more than in FY 1997), of which \$50 million is provided for a new communicable disease initiative; (3) recommends \$3 billion for Israel and \$2.1 billion for Egypt in economic and military assistance; and (4) provides a separate account and \$19.6 million for the International Fund for Ireland. CBO estimates that enactment will result in discretionary outlays of \$11.7 billion over five years. The bill was submitted by Mr. Callahan and reported by the Appropriations Committee by voice vote on July 9, 1997.

Views (on the overall bill):

Republican Leadership: Supports

Chairman Livingston (Full): Supports

Chairman Callahan (Sub): Supports

Clinton Administration: Does not oppose passage of the committee bill, but strongly opposes any further amendments which would reduce funding levels or restrict the president's authority to carry out foreign policy.

Amendments: At press time, the *Legislative Digest* was aware of the following amendments to H.R. 2159. Unless otherwise specified, all amendments are debatable under the five-minute rule, which provides five minutes to a proponent, five minutes to an opponent, and five minutes to any member who rises to strike the last word.

The House completed debate, but did not vote on, the following five amendments:

- * an amendment by **Mr. Campbell** (#76) to reduce the Economic Support Fund (ESF) account by \$25 million and transfer the funds to the African Development Fund, fully funding the president's request of \$50 million. Last year, the bill provided no funds for the account because of overdue reforms needed at the bank and the fund. The bill restored funding this year as a downpayment, with future funding contingent upon continued recovery and progress of management reforms by the African Development Fund. Proponents of the amendment argue that two years of intensive efforts by the U.S.—which conditioned new funding on achieving fundamental institution—have culminated in far-reaching and comprehensive restructuring and reforms at the fund, and that the U.S. is the only western partner in the fund that has not yet made a payment on its pledge. **Staff Contact: Jackie Benditt, x5-2631**

- * an amendment by **Mr. Paul** (#32) to prohibit any of the bill's funds from being used for population control, family planning activities, or abortion procedures. Proponents of the amendment argue that nowhere in the Constitution is the federal government authorized to take taxpayer money to fund—directly or indirectly—population control, abortion services, or family planning. *Staff Contact: Michael Sullivan, x5-2831*
- * an amendment by **Mr. Fox (PA) and Mr. Miller (CA)** (#41) to prohibit the use of any development assistance funding to *directly* support or promote trophy hunting or the international commercial trade in elephant ivory, elephant hides, or rhinoceros horns. *Staff Contact: Aimee Steel (Fox), x5-6111; or Karen Steuer (Miller), x6-2311*
- * an amendment by **Mr. Torres, Mr. Yates and Mr. Foglietta** (#17) to prohibit any of the bill's funding for the Army's School of the Americas (SOA). *Staff Contact: Nancy Alcalde (Torres), x5-5256; Barbara Zylinski (Foglietta), x5-4731*
- * an amendment by **Mr. Stearns and Mr. Traficant** (#16) to express the sense of Congress that all member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) should contribute their proportionate share to pay for the Partnership for Peace Program (which facilitates the entry of former Soviet Bloc nations into NATO) and for any future costs attributable to the expansion of NATO. *Staff Contacts: Peter Krug (Stearns), x5-5744; Kimberly Harris Bliton (Traficant), x5-5261*

Mr. Burton may offer two amendments (#38 and #40) to either (1) cut development assistance to India by \$14 million to \$41.8 million; or (2) prohibit all development assistance funding for India *unless* such aid is provided through non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or private voluntary organizations.

The Clinton Administration has requested \$55.7 million in aid to India for FY 1998. Proponents of the amendment argue that human rights abuses have continued in India with no end in sight. Human rights groups have been continually barred from conducting investigations in the Punjab or Kashmir since the 1970s. India has recently disrupted security in the region by moving Prithvi ballistic missiles near the Pakistani border. Furthermore, India votes against the U.S. at the United Nations more often than any other country except Cuba. Nevertheless, India remains the fifth largest recipient of U.S. foreign aid. Opponents of the amendment argue that India is one of the few true democracies in the developing world. Last year, India held the largest election in world history, which was universally regarded as free and fair. This year, in the Indian state of the Punjab, a Sikh-dominated government replaced the ruling party in open democratic elections with a 67 percent turnout. Elections in India are held regularly, contested by numerous parties and scrutinized by a free press. As India prepares to celebrate 50 years of independence and democracy next month, the U.S. should send a message of encouragement, not hostility. *Staff Contact: Jason Lovell, x5-2276*

Mr. Coburn and Mr. Peterson (PA) may offer an amendment (#28) to prohibit any funds from being used to support the U.S. Man and the Biosphere program (USMAB). USMAB is administered through the State Department and works with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The USMAB operates without legislative direction and is not authorized by Congress, and the U.S. withdrew from UNESCO in 1984. Biosphere reserves may be

subject to international land management rules. In FY 1996, the State Department, the Agency for International Development, and the Peace Corps contributed \$311,000 to USMAB. This does not include Department of State support for administrative space, salaries, and overhead expenditures. **Staff Contact: Neil Bradley (Coburn), x5-2701**

Mr. Payne may offer an amendment (#57) to direct that funding for the Development Fund for Africa should be distributed in proportion to the amount requested for development aid for sub-Saharan Africa by the Agency for International Development. **Staff Contact: Charisse Espy, x5-3436**

Messrs. Smith (NJ), Barcia, Hyde, and Oberstar may offer an amendment (#15), debatable for 40 minutes, to reinstate the so-called “Mexico City” policy, which prohibits U.S. population assistance to foreign organizations that perform abortions in foreign countries, violate the abortion laws of foreign countries, or lobby for changes in such laws. The amendment provides exceptions in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is endangered. Additionally, the amendment prohibits U.S. contributions to the U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA) unless the president certifies that either (1) UNFPA has terminated all activities in China or (2) that during the 12 months preceding certification, there have been no forced abortions associated with China’s family planning program. **Staff Contact: Joseph Rees, x5-5748**

- * **Messrs. Campbell, Gilman, Pelosi, DeLauro, Slaughter, and Greenwood** may offer a secondary amendment to the Smith Amendment, debatable for 40 minutes, to allow organizations that do not promote abortion as a method of family planning, and that utilize funds to prevent abortion as a method of family planning, to remain eligible for U.S. funding. The amendment retains the Smith Amendment’s prohibition on funding for the UN Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) unless the president certifies that the organization has ceased all activity in China. However, absent the certification, the amendment transfers the \$25 million U.S. contribution for UNFPA to the Agency for International Development to be used for population assistance. **Staff Contact: Jackie Benditt (Campbell), x5-2631**

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVI, #23, August 29, 1997.



H.R. 2264—FY 1998 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act

Floor Situation: The House is scheduled to consider H.R. 2264 after it completes consideration of H.R. 2159. Appropriations bills are privileged and may be considered anytime three days after they are filed; they do not require a rule for consideration. Nevertheless, on Monday, July 28, the Rules Committee granted an open rule providing for one hour of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Appropriations Committee. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, as well as House rules which prohibit unauthorized appropriations, legislative provisions in an appropriations bill, and reappropriations. It makes in order four specific amendments—by Mr. Hyde, Ms. Lowey, Mr. Istook, and Mr. Porter—and waives points of order against them. The rule accords priority in recognition to members who have their

amendments pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes and reduce the voting time on a postponed vote to five minutes, provided that it follows a regular 15-minute vote. The rule also waives House rules that prohibit non-emergency amendments from being offered to a bill containing an emergency designation under the Budget Act. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. On July 31, the House unanimously agreed to allow a revised version of the Hyde amendment to be considered in lieu of both the original amendment by Mr. Hyde and the secondary amendment by Ms. Lowey.

Summary: H.R. 2264 appropriates \$80 billion in discretionary budget authority—\$5.3 billion more than last year and \$117 million less than the president’s request—for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), Education, and a wide range of related agencies. The discretionary amount is approximately equal to the subcommittee’s 602(b) allocation. Including mandatory spending (the amount over which the Appropriations Committee does not have jurisdiction), the bill provides \$279 billion, \$8.1 billion less than last year and \$245 million less than the president’s request. The bill provides no funding for approximately 20 programs which received FY 1997 appropriations, including Community Based Resource Centers, state student incentive grants, preventative health for the aging, Star Schools, urban community service, and various scholarships and fellowships offered by the Education Department.

CBO estimates that enactment will result in mandatory and discretionary outlays of \$188.6 billion in FY 1998, \$37.1 billion in FY 1999, \$9.8 billion in FY 2000, \$1.7 billion in FY 2001, \$82 million in FY 2002 and beyond. The bill was submitted by Mr. Porter and was reported by the Appropriations Committee by voice vote.

Views: The Republican Leadership supports passage of the measure. An official Clinton Administration viewpoint was unavailable at press time.

Amendments: At press time, the *Legislative Digest* was aware of the following amendments to H.R. 2264:

Mr. Burton and Ms. DeGette may offer an amendment (#15) to increase funding by \$1 million for the “We the People...Project Citizen” civic education program (increasing the level to the president’s request). This program teaches students about the history of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The amendment offsets the increase by cutting \$1 million from the Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General account. **Staff Contact:** *Nat Wienecke (Burton), x5-2276; Shannon Good (DeGette), x5-4431*

Ms. Chenoweth may offer an amendment (#16) to restore the FY 1997 level of \$4.7 million for the Senior Citizen’s congregate meal program, which currently receives no funding under the bill. The amendment reduces funding for family planning initiatives by \$9 million, of which \$4.7 million is an offset for the congregate meal program, and \$4.2 million for deficit reduction. **Staff Contact:** *Nina Smuckler, x5-6611*

Mr. Crane may offer an amendment (#28) to eliminate funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The bill currently provides \$300 million for the account. **Contact:** *x5-3711*

Mr. DeFazio and Mr. Fox may offer an amendment (#1) to restore \$32.8 million (equal to the president’s request) for the Community-Based Family Resource and Support Grant Program. This

program helps local communities reduce their child abuse caseload by providing additional resources to community based organizations for counseling, training, and treatment services to families. The amendment reduces the National Institute of Health (NIH) Office of the Director account by \$9.8 million and the NIH building and facilities account by \$23 million. *Staff Contact: Jessica Zufolo (Defazio), x5-3021; David Lintgen (Fox) 5-6111*

Mr. Engel and **Ms. McCarthy** may offer an amendment (#2) to provide \$100,000 for the Education Department to develop an Internet site that provides information to students about scholarships and financial aid. If an offset is necessary, the amendment will reduce funding for the educational technology fund. *Staff Contacts: David Toomey (Engel), x5-2464; or Andrew Goldberg (McCarthy), x55516*

Mr. Evans or **Mr. Filner** may offer an amendment (#3) to provide an additional \$2.5 million for the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP). The bill currently provides \$2.5 million under Labor Department Pilot and Demonstration programs. Supporters argue that one-third of homeless men are veterans and that the government has an obligation to help them find suitable employment. *Staff Contact: Jill Cochran, x5-9756*

Mr. Goodling may offer an amendment (#17) to increase funding for special education by \$25 million, and offset the increase by reducing funding for (1) the employment and training administration by \$21 million, (2) the Department of Education Office of the Inspector General by \$1 million, (3) the Armed Forces Retirement Home by \$1.5 million, and (4) the Railroad Retirement Board by \$1.5 million. Under the bill, special education programs receive \$4.3 billion. *Staff Contact: Susan Firth, x5-6910*

Mr. Goodling may offer an amendment (#5) to prohibit appropriated funds from being used to develop national mathematics tests for fourth graders and national reading tests for eighth graders. The amendment does not limit activities of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (also known as the "Nation's Report Card") or the Third International Math and Science Study. The member argues that the national tests are too controversial of a change for the president to implement without congressional authorization. *Staff Contact: Kent Talbert, x5-6558*

Mr. Graham may offer an amendment to increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act. Specific details were unavailable at press time. *Staff Contact: Greg McGinity, x5-6558*

Mr. Hefley may offer an amendment to cut funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) by \$50 million, reducing its funding to last year's level. Supporters of the amendment would like to privatize CPB. Opponents believe CPB provides valuable cultural and educational information and would fail without government subsidizes. *Staff Contact: Jennifer Johnson Calvert, x5-4422*

Mr. Hoekstra may offer an amendment to prohibit the use of federal funds for the Teamster election. Last fall, the federal government spent \$22 million to supervise the mail-in election. Two weeks ago, the results of the election were voided by a federal court election monitor because of finance violations and a new election was mandated. Supporters demand that the Teamsters be held accountable to the tax payer for the \$22 million. *Contact: x5-4401*

Mr. Hyde may offer an amendment (#1) to update the current-law Hyde Amendment restrictions on the use of federal funds for abortions to include managed care contracts. The amendment prohibits the use of federal funds to pay for any abortion or health benefits coverage that includes the coverage of abortion, except in the case of rape or incest, or when the life of the mother is threatened as a result of the pregnancy. The amendment does not affect the expenditure of state or private funds for abortion coverage for Medicaid patients through contracts that are not federally subsidized. It also does not affect services which managed care organizations provide through non-Medicaid contracts. Proponents of the amendment argue the need for change in current law by citing the increase of Medicaid beneficiaries in managed care from 10 percent to 40 percent in the last five years, a percentage that is expected to continue increasing in the near future. *Staff Contact: Brad Close, x5-4561*

Mr. Istook and **Mr. Manzullo** may offer an amendment to require federally funded (Title X) health clinics to give written notice to a parent or guardian at least five business days before giving a minor contraceptive drugs or devices. The amendment does not affect Title X counseling, distribution of information, or treatment for sexual diseases. A court-ordered alternative is available if a parent or guardian cannot, or should not, be notified. The amendment also requires the staff of Title X health clinics to report to local authorities any evidence of child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, or incest. Requiring parental involvement, proponents believe, will prevent cases like the recent story of a 13-year old girl who received contraception with the help of her high school teacher, who is now accused of child molestation. Opponents of the amendment believe the subject is too complex to be dealt with in an appropriations bill, and that confidential access to clinics is critical to the success of the program. *Staff Contact: Tamar Metjian or Paul Guppy (Istook), x5-2132; Sarah Giddens (Manzullo), x5-5676*

- * **Mr. Porter** may offer a substitute amendment to the Istook Amendment to require that health centers which receive federal family planning funds (1) encourage family involvement and (2) counsel minors on methods to resist coercive sexual activity. Supporters of the substitute believe it will ensure that teens continue to have access to critical family planning services while encouraging family communication and involvement. Opponents believe that the substitute does not go far enough to involve families, promote abstinence, or protect teens from sexual abuse. *Staff Contact: Julie Debolt, x5-4835*

Ms. Jackson-Lee may offer an amendment (#29) to provide an additional \$2 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to be used for teen pregnancy prevention programs. As an offset, the amendment cuts \$2 million from the health professions training budget. *Staff Contact: Jennifer Leach, x5-3816*

Mr. Kennedy (MA) may offer an amendment (#19) to provide \$4.8 million for elderly abuse prevention efforts, which do not receive funding under the bill. The amendment reduces funding for the National Center for Education Statistics by \$14 million to provide offsetting receipts. *Staff Contact: Heather Mizeur, x5-5111*

Mr. McIntosh may offer an amendment (#20) to cut \$21 million from the Goals 2000 program. The amendment transfers \$15 million to provide more computers and technology in public classrooms, and \$5 million to the education, research, statistics, and technology account for the Jacob Javits fund for gifted and talented students. *Staff Contact: David Holt or Leila Bate, x5-3021*

Mr. McIntosh may offer an amendment to increase funding for charter schools by \$10 million and offset the increase with equal reductions from the Goals 2000 account. *Staff Contact: David Holt or Leila Bate, x5-3021*

Mr. Nadler may offer an amendment (#7) to prohibit any Medicaid funds from being paid to a health insurance provider that limits the type of conversations a physician can have with a patient regarding advice on possible medical treatments. In effect, the amendment establishes an “anti-gag rule” to guarantee physicians the right to advise their patients on available health care options, regardless of whether those options are covered by the patient’s insurance plan. Supporters argue that physicians should not be hindered from providing the best advice available because of a health contract. Opponents argue that the amendment will unduly increase insurance costs and lead to unnecessary medical tests and procedures. *Staff Contact: Josh Greene, x5-5635*

Mr. Nadler may offer an amendment (#8) to prohibit federal funds from being paid to health insurance providers that offer bonuses or impose penalties on doctors in relation to the number of services or tests which are prescribed by the doctor. Supporters argue that physicians should not be hindered from providing the best services available because of a health contract. Opponents argue that the amendment will result in increased insurance costs and that tighter controls over physician procedures are needed before such a measure can be enacted. *Staff Contact: Josh Greene, x5-5635*

Mr. Nadler may offer an amendment (#9) to prohibit the use of Medicaid funds for payments to a health insurance provider unless insurance coverage is provided for items that the treating physician, in consultation with the patient, determines are medically necessary for the patient, and the patient’s health care provider pays for the services in a manner that is consistent with the patient’s health care plan. *Staff Contact: Josh Greene, x5-5635*

Ms. Pelosi may offer an amendment (#10) to transfer \$50 million from the Abstinence Only program to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for its teen pregnancy prevention programs. The member argues that the CDC programs have been more successful at reducing teen pregnancies and promoting abstinence than the Abstinence Only program. *Staff Contact: Steve Morin, x5-4965*

Ms. Pelosi may offer an amendment (#11) to require that federally-funded abstinence programs provide medically accurate and appropriate information to teens. The member argues that current abstinence programs do not provide youth with accurate scientific facts regarding the success rates of contraceptives. *Staff Contact: Steve Morin, x5-4965*

Mr. Peterson may offer an amendment (#26) to increase funds for the vocational education basic grant by \$85 million (for a total of \$1.1 billion). The amendment reduces the Education Research, Statistics, and Improvement account by an equal amount. Specifically, the amendment cuts (1) \$30 million from the 21st Century Learning Centers Account, (2) \$30 million from the Fund for the Improvement of Education, (3) \$10 million from the National Center on Education Statistics, (4) \$8 million from the research account, and (5) \$7 million from Regional Education Laboratories. *Staff Contact: Bob Moran, x5-5121*

Mr. Peterson may offer an amendment (#27) to restore funding to FY 1997 levels for the Rural Outreach grant program by transferring \$2.3 million from the Health Care Financing Agency’s Federal Administration “Program Management” account. *Staff Contact: Jill Hershey, x5-5121*

Mr. Riggs and **Mr. Roemer** may offer an amendment (#22) to increase funding for charter schools by \$25 million, for total of \$100 million. The amendment offsets this increase with an equal reduction from the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund. Supporters of the amendment believe the increasing number and success stories of charter schools—public schools created by teachers, parents, and other members of the community that are exempt from local management rules—demonstrate the ability of charter schools to reform American education. *Staff Contact: Mark Davis (Riggs), x5-3311; Gina Mahony (Roemer), x5-3915*

Mr. Riggs may offer an amendment (#21) to increase funding for the Older Americans Act (OAA) by \$19.6 million, offset by two reductions of \$9.8 million each from overhead accounts of the Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services. The member argues that funding for the OAA is essential to helping elderly Americans maintain an independent lifestyle. *Staff Contact: Mark Davis, x5-3311*

Mr. Riggs may offer an amendment (#14) to prohibit the Education Department from imposing sanctions on states that elect not to provide special education, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to incarcerated individuals aged 18 to 21 years. Supporters say states should not be required to spend limited federal and state funds on convicted felons. Opponents believe that a key component to rehabilitating prisoners is to provide them with a solid education. *Staff Contact: Mark Davis, x5-3311*

Mr. Riggs may offer an amendment (#30) to transfer the \$200 million provided in the bill for the whole school program and demonstration projects for disadvantaged students to basic grants for the disadvantaged. This is the first year the whole school program has been funded and the member argues that a new program is not needed. *Staff Contact: Mark Davis, x5-3311*

Mr. Riggs may offer an amendment (#31) to prohibit the Department of Education from withholding federal funds from a public educational institution that refuses or fails to enforce affirmative action plans relating to student admissions. The amendment intends to apply to states (e.g., California) where enforcing affirmative action plans is prohibited by state law or court-order. *Staff Contact: Mark Davis, x5-3311*

Mr. Rodriguez may offer an amendment (#32 or #33) to provide \$59.5 million for comprehensive regional assistance centers and reduce the budget for state grants for innovative education program strategies by \$34 million. Currently, the bill provides \$750,000 to evaluate the regional assistance centers. *Contact: x5-1640*

Mr. Solomon may offer an amendment to prohibit any funds from being provided to a contractor that has not filed required annual reports with the Secretary of Labor regarding veterans' employment. *Staff Contact: Ed Timberlake, x5-7985*

Mr. Souder may offer an amendment (#23) to transfer \$36 million (20 percent) of family planning funds to the National Institute of Health for the National Cancer Institute to research breast cancer. The member believes that providing funding for research that will prevent 44,300 deaths from breast cancer is more important than funding public health clinic contraceptive programs. *Staff Contact: Amy Adair, x5-4436*

Mr. Souder may offer an amendment double the \$75 million budget for charter schools. As an offset, the amendment cuts \$75 million from the Goals 2000 program. *Staff Contact: Amy Adair, x5-4436*

Mr. Souder may offer an amendment to transfer \$100 million from the Goals 2000 program to IDEA preschool state grants, increasing the grant program by approximately 25 percent. *Staff Contact: Amy Adair, x5-4436*

Mr. Souder may offer an amendment to eliminate funding for Goals 2000, which receives \$475 million under the bill. *Staff Contact: Amy Adair, x5-4436*

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXV, #23, August 29, 1997.



Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1119 (FY 1998 Defense Authorization Act)

Summary: The House may consider a motion by Mr. Traficant to instruct House conferees on H.R. 1119 after the House considers H.R. 2159. Such a motion is privileged after a bill has been in conference for 20 days and must be considered within two legislative days of being filed. The motion is debatable for one hour. Details of the motion were unavailable at press time. The House appointed conferees on H.R. 1119 on July 25.



H.Res. ____—Sense of the House Regarding the Death of Princess Diana

Floor Situation: The House will consider H.Res. ____ after it completes consideration of Mr. Traficant's motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1119. The resolution is debatable for one hour.

Summary: The resolution expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives to the British people, their government, and especially the children of Diana, Princess of Wales, over their tragic loss. Born July 1, 1961, in Norfolk, England, Diana—an Earl's daughter and former kindergarten teacher—was thrust into the spotlight at the age of 20 with her wedding to Prince Charles in 1981, which was witnessed by 750 million television viewers worldwide. Diana was known as “the people's Princess” because of her compassionate embrace of English commoners and the poor. Her humanitarian efforts on behalf of children and the underprivileged were tireless and included visiting drug abuse centers, AIDS patients, and victims of breast cancer, among hundreds of other official duties. Even after her divorce from Prince Charles, she continued to work for a variety of causes, most recently focusing on the innocent victims of antipersonnel landmines. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Fox and was not considered by a committee.



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